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RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC NO. 07-52)
Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell

I am the organizing and political advocacy chair of Local Union #66 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, located in Pasadena, Texas. My focus is on protecting the jobs of my brothers and sisters, whose hard work and daily labor make America stronger.

Today we are called to action by a threat to union jobs everywhere: net neutrality.

It is important to realize that the forces backing net neutrality (a.k.a. Internet Regulation) are not the people who actually build and operate the Internet. Net neutrality supporters may make content, but they have contributed not one minute of work toward building the networks upon which their content rides.

The Internet has become one of this country's greatest economic assets because government left it alone and unionized workers built the underlying infrastructure. Investment in Internet-supporting networks is not just an investment in technology. It is an investment in people.

Net neutrality regulations threaten that Investment by placing numerous terms and conditions on what can and cannot be done with the networks. If investment slows, then jobs start disappearing, and that is an unacceptable outcome for a President who wants to get America working again.

Net neutrality regulations will not create a single job or add even one inch to broadband networks.

What we need are federal policies which keep us in the field, expanding and upgrading the internet for everyone's benefit. This commission should do its part to protect jobs and reject Net Neutrality.

Sincerely,

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